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Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands Present 'Just Jazz' March 2

The best in innovative and traditional jazz will be featured by Cal Poly's University Jazz Bands at their annual Just Jazz concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 2, in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center.

"Jazz has always focused on balancing the traditional with innovation, on pushing the boundaries as well as being firmly planted within them," said Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly. "Jazz is improvised, so you also have the element of surprise. In every jazz concert there are moments when even the musicians do not know what is going to happen next. This creates some amazing music, made in the heat of the moment."

The concert features the best student jazz musicians at Cal Poly in two big bands and two jazz combos. It will include traditional swing dance music, straight-ahead blues, and funk. There will also be student compositions. Among the compositions to be performed are "Who You Calling Predictable?" by Gordon Goodwin, "Crusin' for a Bluesin'" by Andy Weiner, "Absolution," by Jim McNeely, and "Poultry in Motion" by Kris Berg.

Tickets to the concert are \$12 and \$14 for the public and \$9 and \$12 for senior citizens and students. New pricing includes all Performing Arts Center fees, and event parking is now sponsored by the PAC. Tickets are sold at the Performing Arts Ticket office between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. To order by phone, call SLO-4TIX (756-4849).

The Music Department offers a 10 percent discount to patrons who buy season tickets to four of its events through the Performing Arts Ticket Office; a 15 percent discount is given on tickets to five or more events.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 805-756-2406.

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